

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, April 21th, 2017

Members in Attendance: Father Hernando Gomez, Mirna Taylor, Jim Yates, Geno Davidson, Lucille Villalobos, Sandee Macedo, Pete Comerford, Mikol Maitland, Craig Davis, Lupita Gonzalez.

Members Absent: Wes Fischer, Ellen Fischer, Tom Kozlowski, Jeffrey Lubenko, Don Morley, Maria Quintero (Excused), Kathy Kasnic (Excused), Sheila Tavano (Excused)

Opening

- President, Jim Yates, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Father Hernando Gomez lead the council in a prayer
- Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting were approved as sent.
- St. James is in need of a new roof for the church. The parish has begun fundraising to cover the cost of the new roof. The easement issue with the fence has been addressed and the neighbors have agreed to postpone any action for approximately two years.

Pastor's Comments – Father Hernando Gomez

1. The Rosary for Father Delahunty is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, April 27th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception immediately following the Mass.
2. We have hired a new business manager, Lupita Gonzalez. She is a parishioner and has a Business Administration Degree.
3. We have selected a candidate to assume the position of Faith Formation Coordinator. We are waiting for the approval of the Diocese before announcing her/his name.
4. Congratulations to the seven RCIA catechumens and candidates as they received their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

5. John Walsh has been repairing the tile pavers and concrete in the courtyard.
6. The Ladies Society approved \$11,000 towards a new HV/AC unit for Gurnell Hall and up to \$25,000 for furniture and appliances for the parish rectory.
7. The Diocese has approved the renovation of the choir section of the altar, but has declined to approve the total remodel that was originally presented. Our contractor is waiting on the subcontractor's bids in order to present us with his bid.

Jeff May has submitted his bid. The total amount for the renovation is \$18,176.31. The Ladies' Society had donated \$18,000 for the project last year.
8. The Knights of Columbus have purchased a new flag and they are now waiting for the light that will illuminate the flag.
9. Diane Domagala has given a designated bequest of \$50,000 to be used specifically for the Clothes Closet at St. Patrick Church.
10. The Church Fundraising Team raised \$2,010 from the Lenten Dinners.

Comments from the President- Jim Yates

Jim Yates suggested that a meeting be held to reconsider the membership of the council. Those to attend the meeting are Father Hernando, Sandee, Lupita and Jim. It is the time to reconsider any new members to join the Parish Council. The meeting day and time will be set at a later date. During the discussion of the designated bequest of \$50,000 to be used for the Clothes Closet, Jim suggested we evaluate the service it provides and the changes that can be done. Father Hernando mentioned that it may be a possibility for the Clothes Closet to move to the Upper Room.

Report on Knights of Columbus- Geno Davidson

On Sunday, April 30th, the Knights of Columbus will have the Pancake Breakfast. In May, the Knights will host a breakfast specifically for Veterans from our parish. They will be able to enjoy a free breakfast that day. New

members have registered in March and April. The Knights will have a seminar, on April 29th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for all those who do not have a computer or those who would like to complete the Shield the Vulnerable certification in one session. Someone from the Diocese is coming to provide the certification. Geno also spoke about a Lenten Pledge that the Knights have committed to during this past Lent season. The pledge consists of each Knight donating an amount toward the Parish. The Mother Teresa Maternity Home Annual Golf Tournament is set for June 19th. Peter Nolan is organizing the event and has set a goal to raise \$15,000. In the next six months, Georgetown will have a Knight's of Columbus Council. Geno did mention that the lights' schedule needs to be changed for the lights to go on at 8 p.m. now that we have more daylight. Sandee said we would let Andy know to change the light schedule.

Update from Faith Formation

Kathy was unable to attend the meeting. Lupita gave the report on Faith Formation. The Confirmation Candidates attended the Fired Up Conference on March 4th. They also attended a retreat on March 25th in Cantwell Hall and Confessions were held for them that same day. Confirmation is scheduled for April 29th at 6 p.m. and First Holy Communion will be on May 20th at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Building Bridge Program

Lucille informed us of the Immigration Testing-12 week program which will be held at St. Patrick Church.

Report on Hispanic Community- Mirna Taylor

Mirna will be baking cookies for the Communion Reception that will take place immediately after the First Communion Mass. The Hispanic Community has planned a Kermes for May 7th after the Spanish Mass. On Mother's Day, flowers will be given to the mothers of the community after the Spanish Mass. The bank balance for the Hispanic Community is \$10,653.99, this is after the \$2000 for kitchen repairs in Gurnell Hall and \$2000 for repairs of the rectory.

Financial Report- Sandee Macedo

Sandee noted that the Offertory Collections are lower this month compared to last year's income. She expects the collections to be up next month. Pete Comerford asked why the expense for the Mass intentions and funerals was higher this year. Sandee and Father Hernando explained that this is a stipend rather than an expense. This is balanced with the deposits from Mass intentions and funeral services.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24th.

Father Hernando offered a closing prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Lupita Gonzalez
Business Manager